

REMARKS

The objection to the specification set forth at the end of paragraph 1 has been corrected.

The other objection to the specification and the objection to the drawings should be reconsidered. The drawing does not show a rectangular cross-section of the rod. Instead, in Figure 2, there is an angled section through the piece indicated by the lines 2-2 in Figure 1. Because of the perspective angle, only a little portion of the curved backside of the rod 26 is shown. Thus, it is not rectangular. The top portion that remains is the portion of the element 40, better shown in Figure 7, which may be rectangular.

Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

With respect to the Section 112 objection to claims 9 and 10, reconsideration is requested. The claim is enabled at page 5, lines 8-10 and page 6, lines 19-23. It appears that the Examiner is reading the claim on a different flanged end. The flange end referred to in the illustrated embodiment and covered by claim 9, although the claim is not limited to the illustrated embodiment, relates to the element 40. Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

With respect to the objection in paragraph 5 to claims 22-24, those claims have been amended consistent with the objection.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of former dependent claim 4 which was rejected over Lin. However, Lin does not teach “plug locking.” Plug locking is locking the lower portion in the printed circuit upon plugging engagement. No such feature is provided in Lin anywhere. Namely, the releasable locking referred to in the office action does not amount to plug locking wherein the locking occurs upon plugging. Instead, the lower section in Lin is put in and then the pin must be jammed into it after it is already in place. Thus, the lower section was not plug locked. However, the claim has been amended to further clarify this point.

Therefore, reconsideration of claim 1 as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 has been amended in a similar fashion and, therefore, it too should be in condition for allowance.

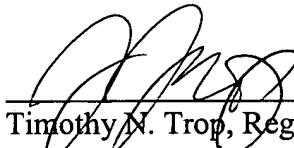
Claim 21 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 22. Claim 22 was rejected as anticipated by Lin. However, the element 223 does not deflect as claimed. Namely, the claim calls for a cam member that deflects inwardly when the first portion engages a printed circuit board and snaps outwardly thereafter. The portion 723 is then cammed. It only deflects

outwardly when engaged by the pin. Such operation would not correspond to what is set forth in amended claim 21 and former dependent claim 22. Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

New claim 33 corresponds to former dependent claim 26, indicated to be allowable.

Therefore, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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